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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Melanie Bachman
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Connecticut Siting Council
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Re: Petition 1224 – Woods Hill Solar, LLC Declaratory Ruling that No Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Is Required for the Proposed Construction, Maintenance and Operation of a 17.612 Megawatt AC Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility Located at 90 and 101 Woods Hill Road, Pomfret, Connecticut

Dear Ms. Bachman:

I am writing on behalf of my client, Woods Hill Solar, LLC, in response to your letter of May 7, 2018 addressed to Briony Angus in connection with the above-referenced Petition. In that letter, you referenced the facility's August 31, 2016 D&M Plan, and several requirements of that D&M Plan, particularly related to notifications to be provided to the Council. You then requested the following information from Woods Hill Solar:

- 1. Notification of commencement of construction;
- 2. Monthly progress reports;
- 3. Notification of completion of construction and commencement of operation; and
- 4. A final report to be prepared in accordance with RCSA § 16-50j-62(c).

Given that the facility has not completed construction and has not commenced operations, providing the information requested in items 3 and 4 is not possible at this time. Woods Hill Solar will provide the Council with both the notification of completion of construction and the final report once construction is completed.

With respect to notification of commencement of construction, Woods Hill Solar began limited construction activities on August 21, 2017, which consisted of site mobilization, tree clearing, stump removal, grubbing, mowing, etc. These activities were done in accordance with the



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Council's August 9, 2017 approval of such activities prior to full approval of the entire D&M Plan. That August 9 approval stated that Council staff "hereby approves your request to begin limited construction activities at the site, including clearing areas of the site, mobilizing construction equipment and initial construction activities." After the Siting Council approved the full D&M Plan on August 31, 2017, Woods Hill Solar proceeded with other construction activities, such as pile installation and concrete pile installation, in September of 2017.

In lieu of monthly progress reports detailing the project's construction, we are providing the Council with a spreadsheet entitled "Construction Schedule Since August 2017." This spreadsheet documents when each activity at the site began, and, where applicable, the completion date of each activity. As you can see from the enclosed chart, several activities still need to be completed. We will provide the Council with monthly updates of construction activities on a going-forward basis, with the next one to be provided to the Council on or before July 10, 2018.

I trust that this letter responds to the requests made by the Council in its May 7, 2018 letter. To the extent it does not, or if there are any questions concerning this response, please contact the undersigned at your convenience. I certify that a copy of this letter has been provided to all parties listed below and any parties on the service list for this Petition.

Sincerely,

Lee D. Hoffman

Counsel for Woods Hill Solar, LLC

cc: Christina M. Walsh, Connecticut Siting Council

Service List, Petition 1224

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Briony Angus

Construction Schedule Since August 2017

	Construction Schedule		
Task	Start Date	End Date	Comments
Site Mobilization	8/21/2017	8/25/2017	
Laydown Yard / Site Compound	8/24/2017	9/7/2017	
Tree Clearing, Stump Removal, Grubbing, Mowing	8/22/2017	10/19/2017	
Completed mowing on both sides	8/29/2017	9/7/2017	
Complete tree clearing East side	8/29/2017	9/8/2017	
Complete road cutting East side	8/30/2017	9/8/2017	
Complete tree clearing East side	9/11/2017	9/19/2017	
Complete road cutting East side	9/20/2017	9/20/2017	
Pile Installation - East Side	9/13/2017	10/30/2017	
Concrete pile remediation - East side	10/2/2017	10/30/2017	
Pile installation - West Side	10/3/2017	11/30/2017	
Concrete Pile installation - West Side	1/11/2017	11/30/2017	
Rack Installation	9/20/2017	1/9/2018	
Module Delivery	10/17/2017	11/7/2017	
Module Installation	10/18/2017	1/18/2018	
MV Trenching on East Side	9/12/2017	9/14/2017	
MV Trenching on West Side	9/20/2017	9/29/2017	
AC Backfill	9/26/2017	10/14/2017	
AC Electrical including trenching, backfill, MV termination	9/12/2017	11/20/2017	
DC Homerun trenching	10/2/2017	11/5/2017	
DC Homerun cable install	10/11/2017	12/10/2017	



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DC Electrical - Homerun and DC harnesses	10/2/2017	Trench	
		remediation on	Found DC Harness trench issue - ice, rock and depth - on
		going	the West side and had to be remediated.
Switchgear work completion	9/29/2017	11/13/2017	
Backfeed by Utility	12/9/2017	12/9/2017	
Circuit Energization - East Side	12/13/2017		
Circuit Energization - West Side	3/21/2018		All but Block 5 and 6.
Commissioning	10/27/2017	Not completed	
Commissioning - Inverters	10/27/2017	Not completed	Only East Block completed. West side had remediation work
Continuestioning - inverters	10/2//2017	Not completed	
Commissioning - SCADA	12/22/2017	Not completed	Only East Block completed. West side had remediation work
Hydrovac & Trench remediation work - East side	2/12/2018	Ongoing	
Mechanical contractor - arraycon left site	3/10/2018		
DEEP cease & desist order	4/2/2018	Ongoing	Began work in response to DEEP order
Hydroseeding	4/5/2018	5/28/2018	No work 4/15 - 4/22 and 5/8 - 5/25. May be a need for future work
Thinning out mulch	3/16/2018		As of 6/5 - More area needs to be thinned due to no vegetation.
Swale	3/23/2018	4/20/2018	
Sediment trap installation	3/20/2018	4/30/2018	
Matting to access Switchyard	3/15/2018	5/14/2018	
Install additional BMP measures across the site	3/6/2018		In addition to the ongoing maintenance.
RES Civil crew on site	3/16/2018		



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Additional Construction Activities

Other tasks	Completed
Tree clearing Block 8	8/30/2017
Entrance Rock	8/30/2017
East side Fence complete	10/20/2017
All inverter set on pad	10/24/2017
Switchyard pad completed	10/25/2017
All transformer set on pad	10/26/2017